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<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) An appliance, comprising:

a controller and a receiver connected thereto and effective to receive an ID device identifier;

a network interface connectable to a relay server corresponding to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ ID device identifier;

<u>the</u> ~~said~~ controller being programmed to:

transmit data responsive to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ identifier to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ relay server, and

receive a profile address in response from <u>the</u> ~~said~~ relay server;

<u>the</u> ~~said~~ controller being further programmed to access profile data on <u>the</u> ~~said~~ profile server.

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6. (Currently amended) A method of controlling the operation of an appliance, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~delivering~~ receiving, at an appliance, first access data ~~to an appliance,~~ from a first remote device, the ~~said~~ access data providing network access to first configuration data;

receiving at the ~~said~~ appliance at least a portion of the ~~said~~ first configuration data via the ~~said~~ network;

configuring the ~~said~~ appliance responsively to the ~~said~~ first configuration data;

~~delivering~~ receiving, at the appliance, second access data to the ~~said~~ appliance from a second remote device, the ~~said~~ second access data providing network access to second configuration data;

receiving at the ~~said~~ appliance at least a portion of the ~~said~~ second configuration data;

reconfiguring the ~~said~~ appliance responsively to the ~~said~~ second configuration data.

7. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6, wherein ~~said first and second steps of delivering each includes delivering data from~~

each of the first remote device and the second remote device correspond to a portable device ~~permanently storing said first and second access data, respectively~~.

8. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 7, wherein: ~~said first receiving step~~

receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes

receiving first relay data responsive to a network server identified in the ~~said~~ first access data,

receiving profile data made accessible via the ~~said~~ network by the ~~said~~ first relay data; and ~~said second receiving step~~

receiving at least the portion of the second configuration data includes

receiving second relay data responsive to a network server identified in the ~~said~~ second access data, and

receiving profile data made accessible via the ~~said~~ network by the ~~said~~ second relay data.

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9. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6, wherein: ~~said first receiving step~~
  receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes
   receiving first relay data responsive to a network server identified in the ~~said~~
first access data,
   receiving profile data made accessible via the ~~said~~ network by the ~~said~~ first
relay data; and ~~said second receiving step~~
  receiving at least the portion of the second configuration data includes
   receiving second relay data responsive to a network server identified in the
~~said~~ second access data, and
   receiving profile data made accessible via the ~~said~~ network by the ~~said~~ second
relay data.

10. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6, wherein:
  ~~said first and second steps of delivering include delivering data from a portable device~~
~~permanently storing the~~ said ~~first and second access data, respectively; said device is~~
  each of the first and second remote devices corresponds to a radio frequency
identification device.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method as in claim ~~11~~ 10, wherein ~~said steps of~~
  delivering the first and second access data includes co-locating a the radio frequency
identification device with the ~~said~~ appliance.

13. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6, wherein ~~said first step of~~
  receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes
   receiving a portion of profile data including data relating to the ~~said~~ appliance
and data relating to another type of appliance.

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14. (New) A method of controlling an appliance, comprising:

receiving an address of a relay server from a remote device,

transmitting a first request to the relay server,

receiving an address of a profile server from the relay server,

transmitting a second request to the profile server,

receiving a profile from the profile server, and

controlling the appliance in dependence upon the profile.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein

the remote device is a radio-frequency identification device.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, further including

receiving an address of an other relay server from another remote device,

transmitting a third request to the other relay server,

receiving an address of an other profile server from the other relay server,

transmitting a fourth request to the other profile server,

receiving an other profile from the other profile server, and

controlling the appliance in dependence upon the other profile.

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